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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF FRG ON US LOS CONSULTATIONS
IN S.E. ASIA

REFS: (A) STATE 81604; (B) STATE 85566

BEGIN SUMMARY: EMB BRIEFED FRG LOS REPS ON SUBJECT
CONSULTATIONS AND PASSED ON SUGGESTION FOR MAY 20
US/FRG BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON. FRG
AGREES WITH US APPROACH ON STRAITS AND ARCHIPELAGOS
AND AMB KNOKE IS PREPARED TO MEET WITH US LOS REPS
MAY 20. GERMAN REPS HAD QUESTIONS SUMMARIZED PARAS
2 AND 4, BELOW. END SUMMARY

1. EMBOFF BRIEFED FRG LOS DELEGATION REPS (FETT AND
KRIEGHOF) APRIL 15 ON DEVELOPMENTS SUMMARIZED IN REFTEL A
AFTER REVIEWING BACKGROUND CONTAINED KUALA LUMPUR
1938, AND LEFT COPIES OF DOCUMENTS MENTIONED PARA 2
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2. FRG REPS EXPRESSED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH APPROACH
AND STATED THAT US COULD DEPEND ON FRG TO COOPERATE
IN SUPPORTING IT. HOWEVER, FETT ASKED WHAT OTHER
MARITIME STATES THAN THOSE IN GROUP OF 5 WOULD BE
BRIEFED ON US PACKAGE AND MIGHT THUS BE OBJECTS OF FRG

PERSUASIVE EFFORTS. FETT SPECIFICALLY ASKED ABOUT SCANDINAVIAN STATES IN THIS CONNECTION. EMBOFF UNDERTOOK TO PASS THIS INQUIRY TO WASHINGTON FOR REPLY.

3. FETT THEN EXPRESSED STRICTLY PERSONAL CONCERN AT POSSIBILITY OF DOMESTIC AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION SUCH AS SEETP, #MINING UNDER WHICH COULD RESULT IN POLITICAL/ MILITARY CONFRONTATION WITH DISADVANTAGES HE BELIEVES WOULD BE FAR IN EXCESS OF BENEFITS LIKELY FROM THE SEABED MINING. IN THIS CONNECTION FETT MENTIONED INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF LAWYERS AUGUST 21-26 IN MANILA UNDER AUSPICES OF WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW CENTER. PROGRAM INCLUDES TYPE OF MOOT COURT PROCEEDING ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF HYPOTHETICAL SEABED MINING OPERATION AUTHORIZED ONLY BY MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION AND CHARGED TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THEORY THAT MINERALS UNDER HIGH SEAS ARE PART OF "COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND." FETT SEES POSSIBILITY OF G-77 STATES POLITICIZING THIS EXERCISE SO THAT THEY CAN DRAW ON IT SHOULD SUCH MINING OPERATIONS ACTUALLY BE COMMENCED ON BASIS OF DOMESTIC AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION RATHER THAN REGIME CREATED BY LOS CONVENTIONS. HE MENTIONED THAT SRI LANKAN AMBASSADOR TO FRG, CHRISTOPHER PINTO, WOULD BE "COUNSEL" FOR "DEFENDANT" STATE WHOSE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZED HYPOTHETICAL SEABED MINING.

4. EMBOFF PASSED TO KRIEGHOF INFORMATION OF G-5 MEETING CONTAINED REFTEL B, INCLUDING SUGGESTION FOR MAY 20 BILATERAL US/FRG CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON. CONFIDENTIAL

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KRIEGHOF INDICATED AMB KNOKE WOULD BE IN NEW YORK AS OF MAY 16 FOR CONSULTATIONS ON PART IV (SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES) CALLED BY AMERASINGH, AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET IN WASHINGTON MAY 20. HE ASKED, HOWEVER, WHAT WOULD BE THE MAIN TOPICS OF MAY 20 BILATERAL CONSULTATION, SO HE COULD PLAN TO BRING ALONG NECESSARY EXPERTS.

5. FONMIN GENSCHER LEFT TODAY FOR VISITS IN S. E. ASIA INCLUDING SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA. GENSCHER HAS BRIEFING ON BASIS OF LEITZELL BRIEFINGS IN LONDON BUT TIME DID NOT PERMIT EMBASSY'S APRIL 15 BRIEFING TO BE INCLUDED IN GENSCHER'S BRIEFING PAPERS. GENSCHER MAY RAISE ARCHIPELAGO AND STRAITS PROPOSALS DURING HIS VISITS, BUT THIS IS NOT CERTAIN.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST GUIDANCE ON BASIS OF WHICH TO REPLY TO FRG QUESTIONS MENTIONED PARAS 2 AND 4.

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